

Underhill Invasive Species Subcommittee Minutes--DRAFT

October 28, 2019, Underhill Town Hall, Downstairs

- Action items in **red**
- Meeting Called to Order: 6:35
- In attendance:
 - **UCC:** Karen McKnight, Daphne Tanis
 - **Community Members:** Sandy Murphy, Steve Webster
 - **Collaborators/Guests:**
- Reviewed Meeting Norms (2 mins)
 - Start and end on time
 - Have respectful discussions
 - Don't interrupt
 - Stay on topic
 - Adhere to Roberts Rules
- Public Comments (5 mins)--None
- Approved [8/26/2019 Minutes](#) and [9/10/2019 Minutes](#) (5 mins)
 - KM moved, DT seconded
 - Approved
- Update about Status of Task Force/Subcommittee (5 mins)
 - **Ask UCC if OK to have non-UCC people as subcommittee members**
- Roundup Weed Killer Risks & Alternatives presentation (5 mins)
 - [Steve's notes](#)
 - Question about Triclopyr? Safer? Impact on other spp? Ducks? Fish?
 - **Need to research--All**
 - Sandy: Question about who did research on herbicides? Concern about the trustworthiness of Monsanto.
 - Daphne: The science is not settled. Use caution when reviewing research. Is it quality? Replicable?
 - **Find reliable research re Glyphosate--All**
 - Karen: Voiced concerns about research by International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
 - Concerns about their methodology and lack of reliable scientific process
 - Sandy (94 Irish Settlement) has a patch of knotweed near her house, not near road
- Strategies (60 mins)
 - Review/Set Priorities
 - Which species? What key areas? Action plan for each?
 - Postponed
 - Considerations about and alternatives to foliar spraying of Glyphosate for knotweed:
 - Postponed discussion until after more research has been collected
 - Sandy: Consider a ballot item at Town Meeting: Should the Town of Underhill support the use of Glyphosate to control invasive species (such as knotweed)?
 - Require lots of public education
 - Public Education
 - Create one-page brochures, one on each invasive
 - Lamoille County Conservation Commission has trifold brochures
 - Develop a format
 - ID, biology, impact on people, impact on environment, etc.
 - Provide info re Phragmites

- **Research to do:**
 - Health impact of Glyphosate
 - **Create [doc to log research](#)--Steve (Done)**
 - Brief summary and link to details
- **Town Highway Dept. Education**
 - How to handle knotweed when ditching and working on culverts?
 - Working on Irish Settlement right now
 - Question: Any invasives being transported in gravel?
 - **Attend Highway Dept meeting on 11/4--Whoever can**
 - **Karen will contact Kurt to remind him to send house #s where work is being done**
 - **Karen will alert Kurt that we plan to attend the next Highway Dept meeting on 11/4**
 - **Karen will send best practices for Highway Depts**
- **Meeting Adjourned: 8:12**